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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 6534 ACTION SECSTATE 23 SEPTEMBER.

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S E C R E T JIDDA 6534

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT - MESSAGE FOR THE
SECRETARY FROM KING KHALID

REF: STATE 213674

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM KING KHALID TO SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 9. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED
TO NEA/ARP, ATTENTION MR. CECIL; EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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I RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 9,

1975. IT WAS TRANSMITTED TO ME BY MEANS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN JIDDA. IN EXPRESSING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY DEEP THANKS FOR THE NOBLE FEELINGS TOWARD THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA THAT WERE CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER, I ASK ALMIGHTY GOD TO CROWN WITH SUCCESS THE STEPS THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU ARE TAKING TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE IN ALL ITS PARTS, SO THAT ITS PEOPLES MIGHT ENJOY EASE AND SECURITY AFTER HAVING BEEN TOSSED BY VARIOUS CURRENTS AND BUFFETED BY VARIOUS WINDS.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE REFERENCE IN YOUR LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD'S FIRM DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA AND THAT YOU YOURSELF SUPPORT THIS POLICY AND ARE DOING EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO REALIZE IT. IN THANKING YOU FOR THIS DECISIVE POSITION, I AFFIRM THAT THE RECENT AGREEMENT WHICH WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SHALL NOT HAVE THE WISHED-FOR RESULT, NOR SHALL IT LESSEN THE BLAZING FLAME IN THE REGION UNLESS SIMILAR AGREEMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW ON THE GOLAN FRONT AND ON THE WEST BANK, AND DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACTS ARE BEGIN WITH THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE FRATERNAL PRESIDENT MOHAMMED ANWAR SADAT--AS YOU MENTION IN YOUR LETTER--WAS CORRECT IN PERCEIVING THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE THE OBJECT OF CRITICISM FROM VARIOUS SIDES: THE SOVIET UNION HAS IN FACT LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN OF CRITICISM OF HIS POSITION--WHICH IS NO SURPRISE TO US SINCE WE KNOW THAT ONE CANNOT HAVE ANY FAITH IN SOVIET INTENTIONS AND THE SOVIET UNION LED THE REJECTIONIST FRONT WHICH IS BEGINNING TO BECOME STRONGER AND MORE ACTIVE DAY BY DAY.

ONLY HASTE THEREFORE IN BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT, ON THE WEST BANK, AND BEGINNING CONTACTS WITH THE (PALESTINIAN)HRESISTANCE, WILL BE SURE TO LESSEN THE SHARPNESS OF THE TENSION AND THE ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE IT.

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FORD
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AND YOUR EXCELLENCY ARE COMMITTED TO REACHING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM BY STAGES--IT IS OUR BELIEVE THAT THE FASTER AND MORE CLOSELY LINKED THESE STEPS ARE THE BETTER.

YOUR EXCLLENCY, THE POSITION OF THE BRAVE AND FORTHRIGHT PRESIDENT SADAT DESERVES ALL ESTEEM, BUT THIS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH SO LONG AS HE IS NOT SUPPORTED

MATERIALLY AND POLITICALLY BY THE UNITED STATES ITSELF--
BECAUSE THE HOSTILE CURRENTS WILL GATHER FORCE IN DAYS
TO COME IF YOU DO NOT IMMEDIATELY LEAP TO HIS RESCUE
AND STAND RESOLUTELY BY HIS SIDE.

I HOPE TO HEAR FROM PRESIDENT FORD AND YOUR EXCEL-
LENCY THAT WHICH WILL REASSURE ME ABOUT THE POSITIVE
STEPS (THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) WILL TAKE TOWARD
A SPEEDY JUST SETTLEMENT.

WITH MY BEST WISHES, MAY GOD PRESERVE YOU.

KING KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD
TAIF THE 11 RAMADAN 1395 A.H.
CORRESPONDING TO 16 SEPTEMBER, 1975.
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